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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assignee: National Gypsum Properties, LLC

Invention: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PLANT

MANAGEMENT

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In response to the September 15, 2006, office action (the "Office Action") for the abovereferenced application (the "Application"), Applicants make a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE"), request that the specification be amended as indicated on page 3, the drawings be replaced as indicated on page 4, and the claims be amended as reflected in the Commissioner for Patents Serial No. 10/828,751 Amendment Date March 15, 2007 Reply to Office Action dated September 15, 2006 Page 2

following listing of claims that start on page 5 of this paper. The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the Application. The Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper and the Conclusion begins on page 15.